

REMARKS

The following claims are pending in the application: 1 – 16

The following claims have been amended: Not applicable

The following claims have been deleted: Not applicable

The following claims have been added: Not applicable

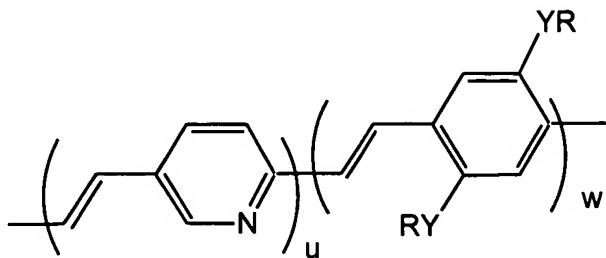
The following claims have been withdrawn: 1 – 6 and 11

As a result of the foregoing Amendment, the following claims remain pending in the application: 1 – 16.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires that the Applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121 to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner's recitation of the patentably distinct species can be found in the Office Action mailed on March 24, 2004.

Applicants hereby elect to pursue group II comprising rotaxanes. As to the chain portion of the rotaxane, Applicants elect the structure:



wherein Y is CH₂, u = 1, and w = 2, R is an alkyl group comprising 6 carbon atoms. As to the ring portion of the rotaxane, Applicants elect a ring comprising a quinoline group.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 – 10 and 12 – 16 read on the elected species.

Applicants have withdrawn claims 1 – 6 and 11 as being directed towards a non-elected species.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and accompanying remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is properly in condition for allowance and may be passed to issuance upon payment of the appropriate fees.

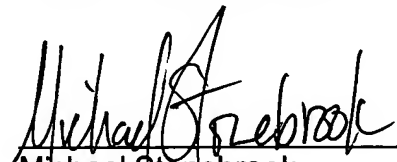
Telephone inquiry to the undersigned in order to clarify or otherwise expedite prosecution of the subject application is respectfully encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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